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1. THE CHANGES IN THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY

PROPOSED BY THE EC COMMISSION AND PUBLISHED ON NOVEMBER 5 HAVE INITIATED A DEBATE THAT COULD HAVE VERY IMPORTANT CONSEQUENCES FOR THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF EC FARM POLICY AND FOR AGRICULTURAL TRADE BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE REST OF THE WORLD. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SEVERAL OF THESE PROPOSED CHANGES WILL BECOME MORE FULLY EVIDENT ONLY AFTER THE COMMISSION ANNOUNCES ITS SUPPORT PRICE PROPOSALS FOR 1974-75. WE UNDERSTAND THESE MAY BE KNOWN SOMETIME IN JANUARY.

2. PURPOSE OF PRESENT MESSAGE IS TO SOLICIT REPORTING AND ANALYSIS OF CAP PROPOSALS FROM EC BRUSSELS AND EMBASSIES AS PROPOSALS GO THROUGH INEVITABLE PROCESS OF DEBATE AND ACCOMMODATION TO INTERESTS OF VARIOUS MEMBER STATES AND PRESSURE GROUPS. PROPOSALS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO US ARE THOSE IN GRAIN/PROTEIN/LIVESTOCK AREA.

USG ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE REPORTING FROM POSTS OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS WHICH COULD MOVE EC SUGAR POLICY OUT OF PRESENT IMPASSE. RUSH

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